

Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Emergency Order No. 03-06-05

Issued at: Fairbanks, Alaska
September 9, 2005

Effective Date: 11:59 PM
September 12, 2005

Expiration Date: June 30, 2006
unless superseded by subsequent
emergency order

EXPLANATION:

This Emergency Order closes the State of Alaska fall hunting season by registration permit RC860 for caribou in that portion of Unit 20(B) east of the Steese Highway and south of Chena Hot Springs Road to its junction with the Middle Fork of the Chena River, then south of the Middle Fork of the Chena River upstream to the Unit 25(C) boundary, in that portion of Unit 20(D) north of the south bank of the Tanana River and in that portion of Unit 20(E) within the Charley River drainage and within the Middle Fork of the Fortymile River drainage upstream from and including the Joseph Creek drainage. Other portions of Units 20(B), and 25(C) included in registration permit hunt RC860 remain open and are not affected by this emergency order. The remainder of Unit 20(E) was previously closed by Emergency Order 03-04-05.

Therefore, registration permit hunt RC860 for caribou remains open in Unit 20(B) south and east of the Steese Highway and north of the Chena Hot Springs Road to its junction with the Middle Fork of the Chena River, then north of the Middle Fork of the Chena River upstream to the Unit 25(C) boundary and in Unit 25(C) south and east of Preacher Creek and American Creek.

REGULATION:

Therefore, the following regulations in **5AAC 85.025(15), HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR CARIBOU**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting caribou:

Units and Bag Limits

**Resident
Open Season
(Subsistence and
General Hunts)**

**Nonresident
Open Season**

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
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Unit 20(B), that portion south and east of the Steese Highway and north of the Chena Hot Springs Road to its junction with the Middle Fork of the Chena River, then north of the Middle Fork of the Chena River upstream to the Unit 25(C) boundary		
RESIDENT HUNTERS: 1 caribou by registration permit only; up to 1,800 caribou may be taken under combined resident and nonresident bag limits in combination with Unit 20(B), that portion east of the Steese Highway and south of the Chena Hot Springs Road to its junction with the Middle Fork of the Chena River, then south of the Middle Fork of the Chena River upstream to the Unit 25(C) boundary, Unit 20(D), that portion north of the south bank of the Tanana River, Unit 20(E), and the remainder of Unit 25(C)	Aug. 10–Sept. 30 Dec. 1–Feb. 28 (General Hunt Only)	
NONRESIDENT HUNTERS: 1 bull by registration permit only		Aug. 10–Sept. 20
Unit 20(B), that portion east of the Steese Highway and south of the Chena Hot Springs Road to its junction with the Middle Fork of the Chena River, then south of the Middle Fork of the Chena River upstream to the Unit 25(C) boundary		
RESIDENT HUNTERS:		

Units and Bag Limits

1 caribou by registration permit only; up to 1,800 caribou may be taken under combined resident and nonresident bag limits in combination with Unit 20(B), that portion south and east of the Steese Highway and north of the Chena Hot Springs Road to its junction with the Middle Fork of the Chena River, then north of the Middle Fork of the Chena River upstream to the Unit 25(C) boundary, Unit 20(D), that portion north of the south bank of the Tanana River, Unit 20(E), and the remainder of Unit 25(C)

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull by registration permit only

**Nonresident
Open Season**

Aug. 10–Sept. 12

Unit 20(D), that portion north of the south bank of the Tanana River

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 caribou by registration permit only; up to 1,800 caribou may be taken under combined resident and nonresident bag limits in combination with Unit 20(B), that portion south and east of the Steese Highway, Unit 20(E), and the remainder of Unit 25(C)

**Resident
Open Season
(Subsistence and
General Hunts)**

Aug. 10–Sept. 12
Dec. 1–Feb. 28

Aug. 10–Sept. 12
Dec. 1–Feb. 28

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull by registration permit only

Aug. 10–Sept. 12

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Unit 20(E), that portion within the Charley River drainage and the Middle Fork of the Fortymile River drainage upstream from and including the Joseph Creek drainage

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

Units and Bag Limits

1 caribou by registration permit only;
up to 1,800 caribou may be taken under
combined resident and nonresident bag
limits in combination with Unit 20(B),
that portion south and east of the Steese
Highway, Unit 20(D), that portion
north of the south bank of the Tanana
River, the remainder of Unit 20(E) and
the remainder of Unit 25(C)

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull by registration permit only

Remainder of Unit 20(E)

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 caribou by registration permit only;
up to 1,800 caribou may be taken under
combined resident and nonresident bag
limits in combination with Unit 20(B),
that portion south and east of the Steese
Highway, Unit 20(D), that portion
north of the south bank of the Tanana
River, Unit 20(E), that portion within
the Charley River drainage and the
Middle Fork of the Fortymile River
drainage upstream from and including
the Joseph Creek drainage, and the
remainder of Unit 25(C)

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull by registration permit only

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All other caribou hunting regulations in Unit 20 remain unchanged and are not affected by this emergency order.

JUSTIFICATION:**Resident
Open Season
(Subsistence and
General Hunts)**

Aug. 10–Sept. 12
Dec. 1–Feb. 28

**Nonresident
Open Season**

Aug. 10–Sept. 12

Aug. 10–Aug. 19
Dec. 1–Feb. 28

Aug. 10–Aug. 19

In March 2000, the Alaska Board of Game endorsed the Fortymile Caribou Herd Harvest Plan as a means of guiding harvest of the herd from 2001–2006. The annual harvest quota is allocated seasonally: 75% to the fall hunt and 25% to the winter hunt. The fall harvest quota is further subdivided into areas within registration hunt RC860, each with its own quota. During fall 2005, the quota for the portion of RC860 in southeast Unit 20(B), northern Unit 20(D) and western Unit 20(E) is 90 caribou, of which 20 can be cows. The majority of the Fortymile caribou herd has been consistently present in this remote portion of RC860 during the first month of the fall season, resulting in a slow but steady harvest within this area. We expect the harvest quota will be reached by midnight September 12. No further fall harvest is warranted in this portion of the RC860 hunt area.

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Commissioner

By delegation to: _____


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